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September 19, 1994

Mr. Randy Smith
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 6th Avenue HW113
Seattle, Washington 98101-3188

RE: Ridgefield Brick and Tile site, Ridgefield, Washington

Dear Mr. Smith:

Our staff has discussed the Ridgefield Brick and Tile site, in Ridgefield, Washington. This is a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Disposal site whose owner, Pacific Woodtreating, declared Chapter 7 bankruptcy, leaving no viable operator or owner. However, there remains a trust fund with \$44,000 dollars for post closure and stabilization work. EPA and the Department of Ecology have determined that Ecology's Toxic Cleanup Program is in the best position to perform Post Closure and stabilization at the facility. The program would subsequently be reimbursed out of the trust fund.

Since this is a RCRA Disposal site, our program is concerned about the administrative requirements which accompany any RCRA facility. EPA has policy concerns about removing this facility from the RCRA Disposal list. However, EPA's environmental concerns regarding this site match ours; to most efficiently effect stabilization of the site with very limited resources. Your staff stated that it would be possible to document EPA's intent to acknowledge the equivocality of a Model Toxics Control Act action as fulfilling RCRA in this circumstance.

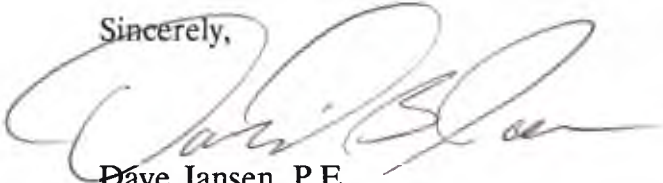
This letter is to inform you that Ecology's Toxic Cleanup Program is willing to perform those actions which can be accomplished with the Post Closure Fund. The short term availability of those funds will allow us to work on this site as a high priority for the immediate needs. Once the funds have been exhausted, Ecology will prioritize the site. Any further work will be dependent upon risk to the environment and the prioritization of available resources.



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I do need some acknowledgement that my understanding of this agreement is correct. I appreciate your staff's commitment and flexibility in meeting our needs. Should you or your staff have any questions or concerns please contact me at 407-6241.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dave Jansen", written in dark ink.

Dave Jansen, P.E.
Southwest Region Section Supervisor
Toxics Cleanup Program

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